

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

The most important part of our democracy is our right to vote and our right for our votes to be counted. For that reason I must urge you to reject the proposal by Diebold systems. We need verifiable paper trail and that the paper trail or the "printed receipt" must be done so that a hand count, if needed, can be done easily and correctly. Basically we need free, fair and transparent elections. Reject Diebold systems idea of small type on gas pump type receipts, multiple votes on a roll, unstable thermal paper and basically making hand counting as difficult as possible. We need to propose type that is readable (12pt), separate sheet for each vote record, use permanent ink, and have more security with the voting machines so hacking is not done. Personally, I would rather see the state of California to reject using those machines all together and go back to paper ballots. Thank you for your time.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.